

H1N1 Flu Virus (Human Swine Influenza) Information Resources

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Highlights

- 3 new H1N1 interim guidance documents from the Public Health Agency of Canada
 - Infection prevention and control measures for Health Care Workers in Acute Care Facilities
http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/hp-ps/ig_acf-ld_esa-eng.php
 - Infection Prevention and Control Measures for Health Care Workers in Long-term Care Facilities
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/hp-ps/prevention-eng.php>
 - Infection Prevention and Control Measures for Prehospital Care
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/hp-ps/pc-sp-eng.php>
- European Centre for Disease Control: Planning Assumptions for the First Wave of Pandemic A(H1N1) 2009 in Europe
http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/health_content/phdev/090729_ph.aspx
- Lancet article: H1N1 2009 influenza virus infection during pregnancy in the USA
[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)61304-0/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)61304-0/abstract)

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Current / Upcoming

- [JULY 29] Special Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting on Novel Influenza A (H1N1).
8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m (Atlanta, Georgia).
Deadline for online registration for non-US Citizens: July 20, 2009
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/meetings.htm#register>
- Agenda now available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/downloads/agenda-jul09.pdf>

Archived

- [JULY 23] FDA: July 23, 2009: Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee Meeting Announcement
<http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/Calendar/ucm170908.htm>
- [JULY 15] COCA Conference Call: H1N1 Vaccine
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2009
Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET
Call-in number: 888-283-2960 (Passcode: 2822773)
The PowerPoint Presentation available on the COCA website:
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>
- [JULY 9] H1N1 Preparedness Summit (Bethesda, Maryland)
All-day H1N1 Flu Preparedness Summit to further prepare the nation for the possibility of a more severe outbreak of H1N1 flu in the fall. Federal, state and local officials, emergency managers, educators and others will discuss lessons learned during the spring and summer H1N1 wave, and discuss best practices and preparedness priorities.
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC)

[JULY 24] Ontario Influenza Bulletin: Surveillance Week 28 (July 12, 2009– July 18, 2009). Note: Death and hospitalization information among Novel H1N1 Influenza A virus confirmed cases is current as of July 22, 2009.

- 18 deaths have been reported among confirmed H1N1 cases.
- 52 people who have the H1N1 flu virus were in hospital as of 8:30 a.m. on July 22, a number of whom have underlying medical conditions. 249 other people have been hospitalized for further assessment and have since been discharged.
- Fewer hospitalized cases and fewer deaths were reported this week in comparison with last week.

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/pubhealth/flu/flu_08/bulletins/flu_bul_01_20090711.pdf

[JULY 11] Current Influenza Bulletin

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/updates/archives/hu_09/sf_weekly_update.html#h1n1_map

[ARCHIVE] Previous MOHLTC updates and news conference video footage available at:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/updates/archives/hu_09/swine_flu.html

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/updates/archives/hu_09/provider/default.html

Important Health Notices

Last H1N1 update on June 11

Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP)



[JULY 24] H1N1 Weekly Synthesis of Surveillance Information, Literature & Government Updates for w/e July 24

<http://www.oahpp.ca/Documents/H1N1%20Weekly%20Synthesis%20July%2017,%202009.pdf>

[ARCHIVE] Swine Influenza Outbreak page (no new resources since May 3)

<http://www.oahpp.ca/SRI%20Bulletin.php>

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

PHAC will issue national updates on H1N1-associated deaths on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm, and will report regularly on any unusual outbreaks or clusters of illness.



[JULY 29] Interim Guidance: Infection prevention and control measures for Health Care Workers in Acute Care Facilities

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/hp-ps/ig_acf-ld_esa-eng.php



[JULY 29] Interim Guidance: Infection Prevention and Control Measures for Health Care Workers in Long-term Care Facilities

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/hp-ps/prevention-eng.php>



[JULY 29] Interim Guidance: Infection Prevention and Control Measures for Prehospital Care

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/hp-ps/pc-sp-eng.php>



[JULY 29] News Release: Government of Canada Releases Guidance on H1N1 Infection Prevention and Control Measures

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/media/nr-rp/2009/2009_0729-eng.php



[JULY 28] Deaths associated with H1N1 virus in Canada

New deaths reported from July 23 to July 28: **3** (AB, QC, MN)
Cumulative total: **58**

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/surveillance-eng.php>

[JULY 24] Interim Guidance for emergency use of oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) in children under one year of age in the context of 2009 (H1N1) pandemic

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/guidance-orientation-07-20-eng.php>

[ARCHIVE] Previous PHAC documents and updates available from:

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine_200904-eng.php

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

July 24, 2009 is the last day that CDC is providing individual confirmed and probable cases of novel H1N1 influenza. CDC will report the total number of hospitalizations and deaths each week, and continue to use its traditional surveillance systems to track the progress of the novel H1N1 flu outbreak.



[JULY 29] Interim Guidance for the Detection of Novel Influenza A Virus Using Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/rapid_testing.htm

[JULY 24] Novel H1N1 Flu Situation Update:

43,771 probable cases

302 deaths

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm>

- [JULY 24] H1N1 Monitoring Questions & Answers
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/reportingqa.htm>
- [JULY 24] Novel H1N1 Vaccination Guidance for State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Health Officials
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/statelocal/>
- [ARCHIVE] Previous CDC documents and updates available from:
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>

Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy

- [JULY 21] FDA approves seasonal flu vaccines
http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/swineflu/news/jul2109fda_mws.html
- [ARCHIVE] Current overview and older updates from CIDRAP available at:
<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/swineflu/index.html>

Health Protection Agency (UK)



- [JULY 29] Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 clinical practice note – Managing adult critically ill cases (posted July 29, 2009; dated July 24, 2009)
http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1248854036293
- [JULY 23] HPA Weekly Pandemic Flu Update
http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb_C/1247816558780
- [JULY 23] HPA Weekly National Influenza Report 23 July 2009 (Week 30)
http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1247816573986
- [ARCHIVE] Swine Influenza page:
<http://www.hpa.org.uk/webw/HPAweb&Page&HPAwebAutoListName/Page/1240732817665?p=1240732817665>

Department of Health (UK)

- [JULY 23] National Pandemic Flu Service goes online
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/PublicHealth/Flu/Swineflu/DH_103203

- [JULY 2] UK Department of Health reports: *Swine flu pandemic: from containment to treatment*
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/PublicHealth/Flu/Swineflu/InformationandGuidance/index.htm>

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

- NEW** [JULY 29] Planning Assumptions for the First Wave of Pandemic A(H1N1) 2009 in Europe
http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/health_content/phdev/090729_ph.a.spx

- NEW** [JULY 29] ECDC Situation Report
- 1529 new cases, including 1096 new cases from Germany the EU and EFTA countries, reaching a total of 5,361 new cases including 67 fatal cases reaching a cumulative total of 152,968
 - Media discussed a unpublished US study on complications among pregnant influenza A(H1N1)v cases
 - Influenza A(H1N1)v strain found in a pig herd in Canada, no human cases associated
 - The number of confirmed cases reported is based on laboratory test results, except for the US. Depending on the national laboratory testing policies, the actual number of cases by country may therefore be higher.
 - Several countries have now announced recommendations on treatment on clinical signs only and only for specific population groups or in outbreaks.
 - For these countries, the reported number of cases presented in this report will severely underestimate the true incidence in the country and will not be comparable to countries still recommending laboratory tests of all suspected influenza cases.
- http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/files/pdf/Health_topics/Situation_Report_090729_1700hrs.pdf

- NEW** [JULY 28] ECDC comment on the report of considerably increased global capacity for production of seasonal and pandemic vaccine – reports of a WHO Survey May 2009
http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/health_content/sciadv/090728_sciadv.aspx

- [JULY 24] Pandemic (H1N1) 2009: Analysis of individual case reports in EU and EEA countries
[http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/files/pdf/Health_topics/090724_Influenza_A\(H1N1\)_Analysis_of_individual_data_EU_EEA-EFTA.pdf](http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/files/pdf/Health_topics/090724_Influenza_A(H1N1)_Analysis_of_individual_data_EU_EEA-EFTA.pdf)

[ARCHIVE] Maps, surveillance summaries and previous ECDC updates available from:
<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/Health%5Ftopics/novel%5Finfluenza%5Fvirus/2009%5FOutbreak/>

World Health Organization (WHO)

[JULY 27] Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 - update 59
WHO no longer issues the global tables showing the numbers of confirmed cases for all countries. However, as part of continued efforts to document the global spread of the H1N1 pandemic, regular updates will be provided describing the situation in the newly affected countries.

Regions	Cumulative total	
	Cases*	Deaths
WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO)	157	0
WHO Regional Office for the Americas (AMRO)	87965	707
WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO)	890	1
WHO Regional Office for Europe (EURO)	16556	34
WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia (SEARO)	7358	44
WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO)	21577	30
Grand Total	134503	816

*Given that countries are no longer required to test and report individual cases, the number of cases reported actually understates the real number of cases.

http://www.who.int/csr/don/2009_07_27/en/index.html

[JULY 27] Instructions for transport of virus cultures (i.e. virus isolates) of candidate reassortant vaccine viruses of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus
http://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/swineflu/instructions_transport_virus/en/index.html

[JULY 24] Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 briefing note 4: Preliminary information important for understanding the evolving situation
http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1_situation_20090724/en/index.html

[ARCHIVE] WHO H1N1 Guidance documents available at:
<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/guidance/en/index.html>

[ARCHIVE] Older WHO updates available at:
<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)

[JULY 21] Due to the changes in epidemiological surveillance of the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 published by the World Health Organization, the July 21, 2009 Regional Update will not be published. Past Alerts and past Regional Updates remain available at:
http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=814&Itemid=1206

[ARCHIVE] PAHO Influenza A (H1N1) Portal
http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=805&Itemid=569&lang=en

Australia and New Zealand

NEW [JULY 29] Health Emergency Australia Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Situation Update Bulletin
Cumulative totals:

- 21,109 confirmed cases
- 53 deaths
- 2230 hospitalizations

<http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/Content/updates-2August09.htm>

NEW [JULY 29] New Zealand Ministry of Health Situation Update
Cumulative totals:

- 2748 confirmed cases
- 13 deaths

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/influenza-a-h1n1-update-118-290709>

NEW [JULY 28] Government of New Zealand National Health Coordination Centre Action Plan. This plan provides an updated overview of New Zealand's readiness and response activities for managing the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus. Updated July 28/09.
[http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9206/\\$File/nhcc-action-plan.doc](http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9206/$File/nhcc-action-plan.doc)

[ARCHIVE] New Pandemic Phase Project - PROTECT Guidelines/Updates
<http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/Content/home-1>

Business Resources

Harvard Health Publications

Business Preparedness for Pandemic: Executive briefing for corporate and governmental decision-makers
https://www.health.harvard.edu/special_health_reports/Business-Preparedness-for-Pandemic?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=tweet&utm_campaign=0526_tw

Link to report from U.S. Government Accountability Office re Pandemic Planning and funding
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09760t.pdf>

Canadian Business

H1N1 virus: A plan for the worst
http://www.canadianbusiness.com/managing/strategy/article.jsp?content=20090615_10014_10014

Consumer Health Information Resources

Krames Patient Education Handouts - H1N1 Flu Virus
<http://www.krames.com/swine-flu.html>

MEDLINEplus - H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu)
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/h1n1fluswineflu.html>

Specialized Information Service - National Library of Medicine
<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/swineflu.html>.

Tufts University - (SPIRAL) Selected Patient Information in Asian Languages
<http://spiral.tufts.edu/topic.shtml>

Notable Research Articles

Medline literature search on H1N1 (current as of today).

- Click [here](#) to run the search.



[JULY 29] H1N1 2009 influenza virus infection during pregnancy in the USA
[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)61304-0/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)61304-0/abstract)



[JULY 28] 2009 Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Resembles Previous Influenza Isolates
<http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0006402>

- [JULY 27] Katz R. Use of revised international health regulations during influenza A (H1N1) epidemic, 2009. *Emerg Infect Dis.* 2009; 15(8):1165-1170. Available from:
<http://www.cdc.gov/EID/content/15/8/1165.htm>
- [JULY 24] Barnett DJ, Balicer RD, Thompson CB, Storey JD, Omer SB, Semon NL, et al. Assessment of local public health workers' willingness to respond to pandemic influenza through application of the extended parallel process model. *PLoS One.* 2009 Jul 24;4(7):e6365
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- [JULY 23] O'Dowd A. A/H1N1 influenza update. *BMJ.* 2009 Jul 3;339:b2977.
http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/339/jul23_1/b2977?view=long&pmid=19628526
- [JULY 23] Morrison LG, Yardley L. What infection control measures will people carry out to reduce transmission of pandemic influenza? A focus group study. *BMC Public Health.* 2009 Jul 23;9(1):258.
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2458-9-258.pdf>
- [JULY] Review/Refresh/Revitalize – Your pandemic flu plan for fall 2009. Public Health Foundation.
<http://www.phf.org/Review-Refresh-and-Revitalize-Your-Pandemic-Flu-Plan-for-Fall-2009.pdf>
- [JULY 24] Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), 2009 *MMWR* July 24, 2009 / 58(Early Release);1-52
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr58e0724a1.htm>
- [JULY 24] Neurologic Complications Associated with Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection in Children --- Dallas, Texas, May 2009 *MMWR Weekly* July 24, 2009 / 58(28);773-778
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5828a2.htm?cid=mm5828a2_e/?date=072309
- [JULY 22] EID article July 22, 2009 - Genomic diversity of Oseltamivir-resistant H1N1
<http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/15/9/pdfs/09-0452.pdf>
- [JULY 22] EID article July 22, 2009 - Nurses' susceptibility to patients' influenza
<http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/15/9/pdfs/08-1475.pdf>

[JULY 21] The US Food and Drug Administration Provides and Pathway for Licensing Vaccines for Global Diseases. PLoS Medicine.
<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000095>

CMAJ Articles released July 20th:

Investigation of the first cases of human-to-human infection with the new swine-origin influenza A (H1N1) virus in Canada
<http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/rapidpdf/cmaj.090859>

Modelling an influenza pandemic: a guide for the perplexed
<http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/rapidpdf/cmaj.090885>

Infectious disease experts expect the unexpected with respect to swine flu
<http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/rapidpdf/cmaj.091176>

[JULY 20] NEJM article - Pneumonia and respiratory failure from swine-origin Influenza A (H1N1) in Mexico (July 20, 2009)
<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/short/NEJMoa0904252v1?rss=1>

[JULY 20] NEJM article - Severe respiratory disease concurrent with the circulation of H1N1 Influenza (July 20, 2009)
<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/short/NEJMoa0904023v1?rss=1>

[JULY 22] NEJM correspondence. **Rapid-test sensitivity** for Novel Swine-Origin Influenza A(H1N1) in Humans (July 20, 2009)
<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/short/NEJMc0904264v1?rss=1>

[JULY 20] August issue of the Lancet Infectious Diseases articles on H1N1
<http://www.lancet.com/journals/laninf/issue/current>

[JULY 14] Assessing the severity of the novel influenza A/H1N1 pandemic Garske et al. *BMJ*.2009; 339: b2840
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<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/hlthaff.28.4.w743v1.pdf>
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<http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/15/8/pdfs/08-1422.pdf>
- [JUNE 25] Rambault A. Origins and evolutionary genomics of the 2009 swine-origin H1N1 influenza A epidemic. *Nature* 2009; 459(7250): 1122-1125.
<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v459/n7250/full/nature08182.html>
- [JUNE 19] Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infections Among Health-Care Personnel --- United States, April--May 2009. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*.
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5823a2.htm>

Other Scientific Resources

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<http://esd.mit.edu/WPS/2009/esd-wp-2009-07.pdf>

Clinical and Public Health Practice Tools

- [JUNE 15] Algorithms from 18 US states to assist in decisions regarding testing and treatment of H1N1
<http://www.smh.com/sections/services-procedures/medlib/Pandemic/Algorithms/Algorithms.html>

Historical Resources

Swine flu of 1976: lessons from the past. An interview with Dr Harvey V Fineberg

<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?tool=pubmed&pubmedid=19565118>

The Persistent Legacy of the 1918 Influenza Virus. *New England Journal of Medicine*.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/reprint/NEJMp0904819.pdf>

Historical Perspective — Emergence of Influenza A (H1N1) Viruses. *New England Journal of Medicine*.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/reprint/NEJMra0904322.pdf>

Markel H, Lipman HB, Navarro JA, et al. Nonpharmaceutical Interventions Implemented by US Cities During the 1918-1919 Influenza Pandemic. *JAMA*. 2007;298(6):644-654.

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Interview: Swine flu of 1976: lessons from the past. Interview with Harvey V Fineberg (WHO Bulletin June 2009)

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/6/09-040609.pdf>

The Swine Flu Affair: Decision-Making on a Slippery Disease [1978]

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12660&utm_medium=email&utm_source=National%20Academies%20Press&utm_campaign=Swine%20Flu%203&utm_content=Downloader&utm_term

Travel Advisories

- [MAY 19] Public Health Agency of Canada no longer recommends Canadians postpone elective or non-essential travel to Mexico
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tmp-pmv/2009/h1n1-mexico-090518-eng.php>